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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent and working back-
ward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The numbering of the items was added by the translator since the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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21 April 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 11/4

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

Individual Messages

1) Metal Supply

(1) Plant "Teplokhod" in Gorkij is to ship 20 tons of round steel.

(2) The offices of the People's Commissariat for the River Fleet in Kujbyshev could deliver a total of 293 tons of ferrous metal scrap and 1.5 tons of non-ferrous metal scrap during the last quarter of the year.

(3) The following offices of the NKRF received the following metals in April:

Gorkij	15 tons	roofing sheet
Stalingrad	15	roofing sheet
Svenigovo	96	metal
Saratov	2.5	wire
Sverdlovsk	4	steel hawsers
Molotov	40	stanic oxide
Kirov	20	cast iron
Ilijsk	30	defective sheet
		metal
Novosibirsk	6	copper
Omsk	17	sheet iron
Semipalatinsk	77	cast iron
		(for the period
		January to May)
Semipalatinsk	34	steel (for the
		period January to
		May)
Amu Darya Steamship Agency	1 carload	steel hawsers

2) Production

(4) In many enterprises and workshops of the NKRF work is falling far behind. The scheduled deadlines for the completion of ship repairs were not on schedule so that ships are running into considerable delays. According to a message to all NKRF offices, a significant number of rotary planers and other installations are not fit for use in enterprises and workshops. The NK for the River Fleet desires that all installations be ready for service by 1 June. The necessary spare parts are to be produced by that time.

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(5) From an additional message to all offices it is noted that critical conditions exist in all steamship agency lines which have been put into operation up to now. The carrying out of technical work is poor, assembly work is negligent, and controls inadequate so that a large number of ships could be put into operation only with very great delays.

(6) Repair work in Kujbyshev is unsatisfactory. Repair work in Omsk and Blagoveshchensk is more and more behind. The Shipyard in Baturino operated so poorly in March that the "Rote Fahne" is to be transferred to another shipyard.

(7) Supervision has been so incompetent that in Astrakhan various ships have been stripped and partially destroyed. The Steamship Agency lines have been ordered to devote all their efforts to correcting these critical conditions.

(8) After the close of the winter repair work, the industrial enterprises in Aralsk are to be converted to the production of spare parts for ships.

(9) According to recent reports, Plant "Teplokhod" in Gorkij is working only for armaments.

(10) The following production orders could be identified: By 15 May the Shipyard in Raznezhe must complete 20 fishing boats and 20 boats with fish tanks for storing large fish. The Shipyard in Voskresensk must complete 30 fishing boats.

(11) In April Kujbyshev is to set up 3 sets of pulleys with 2 rollers of 20 tons carrying capacity each and deliver 30 diving pumps.

(12) In the course of the second quarter a coal transport ship of 1700 tons is to be built at the Borovaya Shipyard. For this purpose 205,000 rubles were already authorized.

3) Miscellaneous

(13) Luxemburg Rajon in Bolsnik has been mentioned in a message from Tiflis.

(14) On 1 April Plant "Tsentrolit" shut down with a debt of 700,000 rubles.

(15) The Iranian asbestos deposits are being exploited by Russia. On 9 April asbestos samples were already sent to Moscow. It is believed that 600 tons of asbestos type 1 and 180 tons of asbestos type 2 will be extracted in the next few months.

(16) The offices of the NKRF are to carry out a propaganda campaign in the period from 15 April to 15 May for improved furnishings for general quarters in the workers section.